

AMERICAN LEAGUE WILL BE HARD HIT

Millions of Dollars in Baseball Talent Going to National League in New 12-Club Organization—Ruth Among the Number, as He Is Member of Seeding Yankees.

BY BOB FIGUE.

When the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox mutinied and pulled out of the American league and joined the National league in the organization of a 12-club National league, it meant that some of the greatest baseball stars in the history of the game and men who have virtually made the American league have passed out of the junior major. Players amounting in value way up into the millions of dollars are no longer American league drawing cards.

The greatest drawing card in the history of baseball for all time is listed in the number of players who have forever removed the colors of the American league and have joined the newest organization.

Babe Ruth, outfielder and swatter extraordinary of the New York Yankees, will be one of the stars in the new National league next season, for the owners of the New York club formerly in the American league, Cois, Ruppert and Huston, have decided that the Yankees will hereafter be members of the new National league, and they are entitled to the players they have on their roster, according to a leading Chicago attorney, who has investigated the legal phases of the proposition.

Each last season he appeared at 54 home runs, and wherever he appeared he was greeted by monster crowds. Even in Philadelphia, where the lowly Athletics held sway, Babe Ruth's attraction, and always filled the park with eager fans who were out there simply to see Bambino try to knock a few palings off the fence at Shibe park.

In the New National, Ruth will be even a greater drawing card than he was in the American league, for there are many cities in which he will appear next season that never had an opportunity to see the king of home-run hitters in action.

It is not difficult to imagine that Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and other National league cities whose fans never saw Bambino hit the apple will turn out in all their glory to watch the matchless King of Swat knock the cover off the ball.

Ruth alone drew over a million dollars in the American league last season, according to available figures. Babe's absence from the American league array in 1921 will knock a big hole in the receipts.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

There are other stars on the New York, Chicago and Boston team who will be in the new National. Eddie Collins, of the Chicago White Sox, reputed to be the greatest second baseman in the game, is staying with the Sox. The great Napoleon Lajoie, who will be missing from the American league lineup, Collins will remain with the Chicago team, where he is captain and slated to be manager in a few years.

On the same team with Collins is Ray Schalk, rated as the best catcher in the American league, who will stay with the Sox wherever they are. Charley Comiskey's players are loyal to him and whatever he does every member of his team will be loyal to him. The Sox have taken care of them and he always will, so they will remain loyal to the Old Roman.

Dick Kerr, who starred in the 1919 world's series, is a member of the Seeding White Sox.

Carl Mays, one of the greatest pitchers in the game, is a member of the New York Yankees. Duffy Lewis, a star outfielder, is a Yankee. Other American league stars who will be missing when the roll is called next spring will be Bob Shawkey, Harry Hooper, Roger Peckinpaugh, Wally Schang and Chuck Ward.

Franklin, the catcher, and Sam Rice, an outfielder, both formerly with Memphis, are members of the New York Yankees, and will be in the new National league next year.

American League Has No Right To Hold Players

In Opinion of Alfred Austrian, Attorney for Two Chicago Clubs—Athletes Valued Up Into Millions of Dollars.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—The American league has no power to hold the players on the three clubs which have joined the new National league and every man on these clubs can play in the new organization next year, according to an opinion given last night by Alfred Austrian, attorney for the two Chicago major league clubs and adviser in the drafting of the Lasker plan for reorganization of the game.

Austrian's opinion was rendered in response to statements from representatives of the five clubs which are backing Ban Johnson in the baseball war that the league owned all its players and that the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox clubs consequently could "take only their ball players into the new league."

"The players belong to the clubs and the contracts are made with the clubs," said Austrian. "The league is merely a voluntary organization, which has no contract power over the men other than to present certain clauses which may be put into contracts. I do not care to say at present whether even this power, which voluntarily has been given the league, is lawful."

"There is no doubt, however, that the Chicago, New York and Boston clubs, formerly of the American league, may take their entire playing personnel into the new National league, regardless of claims to the contrary which may be made by Mr. Johnson and his five backers."

The new National league, however, is preparing for extensive court action and expects numerous injunctions to be applied for by the American league clubs before they permit the players on the other three clubs to be taken from the league, according to representatives of the new organization.

Expect Bitter Battles. "We expect bitter court battles," said one club owner, "but we have proceeded carefully and have no doubt as to the outcome. The new league is composed of the money-making clubs and they are ready to spend every cent necessary to win."

This club owner pointed out that if necessary the Chicago, New York and Boston clubs could put teams of amateurs in the field in their representatives in the American league if they so desired.

The three former American clubs made up of many of the stars of the game, including Babe Ruth, Dick Kerr, Ray Schalk, Eddie Collins, Carl Mays, Harry Hooper, Duffy Lewis, Jack McInnis, Bob Shawkey,

BRINGING UP FATHER—By George McManus

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SAM LANGFORD TO MEET JACK THOMPSON HERE

Negro Heavies Clash at Southern Athletic Club Monday Night in Eight-Round Go. Two Sixes and One Four.

Sam Langford, veteran Boston negro heavyweight, will meet Jack Thompson, of Philadelphia, in an eight-round bout at the Southern Athletic club next Monday night.

Langford will arrive in Memphis Saturday and will put on the finishing touches to his training Saturday and Sunday at the local glove shop. Thompson, who is coming from Shreveport, will reach Memphis Friday, and will also work out at the S. A. C. daily until Monday.

Thompson has met Langford before on several occasions, the last meeting resulting in a draw after 15 rounds of fierce milling. Thompson has met and defeated Harry Wills, the original Kid Norfolk; Sam McVea and other leading negro heavies. It was intended by Promoter Billy Haack, of the Southern A. C., to bring Norfolk here to meet Thompson, but Norfolk refuses to fight Thompson again.

In addition to the main go there will be two bouts of six rounds each and a four-rounder.

Kid Gallo and Young Leonard will step six rounds to a decision in one-half of the double semi-final, while Cecylone Taylor and Kid Smoke, two negro welterweights who put up such a good fight two weeks ago, will make up the other half.

SEWANEER TIGERS GETTING READY

Have Two Hard Games Remaining on Their 1920 Schedule.

SEWANEER, Tenn., Nov. 10.—The Mountain Tigers began preparation this week for two hard games that will wind up the year. The coming Saturday game will pit the charges against those of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Thanksgiving, the Nashville classic will be staged with Vanderbilt, occupying the other side of the spotlight. Tennessee has a hunch that they are due this coming game.

The last fight between the two was in the S. A. T. C. days, the affair ending in something like a 60-6 victory. However, this is not during the S. A. T. C. and Tennessee has a strong team that will outweigh the Purple considerably and has a much better record. Not many of the old men were used against the university of Chattanooga during the whole game. So as far as injuries go there won't be any. The Sewaneer team is in extra good condition for this time of the year.

The game Sunday turned up several good scrums that were in hiding. Little Baird looks like a find. Knease the Chattanooga hunch he can win. His weight, not over 140, handicaps him. However, he looks like he might be used to advantage. Hamilton is another scrub that looked awful good. Both clearly outplayed Long and Harper, regulars. In the line, Litton looks as good as Elam or better. And Lawrie performing in place of the regular place of Miller and Conway performed like veterans.

NEW LEAGUE FORMED. TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 10.—Gilbert Freeman, sporting editor of the Tampa Tribune, was chosen president, secretary and treasurer of the temporary organization of the Florida West Coast Winter League here last night and will draft a schedule for an 84-game season opening Nov. 18. Tampa, St. Petersburg, Tarpon Springs and Sarasota will make up the circuit.

JOHN MARTIN HONORED LAST BASEBALL VICE-PRES. OF MINORS

Cost Ran Way Up Into the Thousands of Dollars. Ban Under Fire.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—The ensuing baseball war which began last fall around President Ban Johnson, of the American league, and has taken three of its clubs to the personnel of the new National league, formed yesterday, today brought forth reminiscences of the last baseball war which broke out in the spring of 1914, and lasted two years.

It was early in 1914 that the Federal league was organized and was fought, not only by the two major leagues—the National and American—but by all the minor leagues.

The total cost of that war, which finally was settled early in 1916, never has been stated by those involved, but it is believed between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 was dropped by club owners on both sides.

The league was organized here with James G. Thompson as president, Charles Weeghman and William Walker, both attached today in the club, were principal owners in the Chicago club. Phil Ball, now owner of the St. Louis Browns, was the principal backer of the St. Louis club of the Federals.

President Gilmore then interested Robert Ward, of New York, together with men in Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Buffalo. Thus the league was launched.

It was a harvest for the ball players. Many who had been receiving salaries of about \$4,000 a season secured contracts, either with their own organization or with their own clubs, for twice that amount. Injunction suits were common, and attorney fees were tremendous. Construction of new ball parks cost fortunes. Seven of them have been idle since the war was settled after the 1915 season.

In the 30's the National league was a twelve-club organization, and after a few unsatisfactory years decided to return to an eight-club organization. This made the opening for the expansion of the American league, then a minor body. It went into the abandoned cities of the National—Cleveland, Baltimore and Washington, and invaded Chicago, later going into New York, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis.

HERRMANN TO SEEK SUPPORT OF MINORS

For the Lasker Plan Which Has Already Come Up Before Association—Johnson Made Big Hit Tuesday.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 10.—With the opening shots fired in the scramble to win the support of the National Association of Minor Leagues, August Herrmann, owner of the Cincinnati Nationals and a leader in the organization of the new 12-club league, is to address the convention of minor leagues, here today, in an appeal for endorsement of the Lasker plan for baseball reorganization.

Mr. Herrmann will attempt to offset the favorable impression created among the minor league leaders yesterday by Ban E. Johnson, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues, who declared that the American league and American Association, seemed to be favoring the Lasker plan.

Minor leagues have fought for such representation, but without success. The American league executive committee, headed by D. Lasker, of Chicago, the champion of the Lasker plan, as yet has not shed his avowed opposition to the plan, and has not yet made any definite statement as to whether he will support the plan or not.

What action the minor leagues will take in the major league dispute remains problematical, but it is expected they will consider both plans in the executive session and then refuse to take sides in the issue, leaving the threatened war to the major leagues for settlement.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Mike O'Dowd, former middleweight champion, today announced that he had been released from his contract with the New York Giants and would fight for the first time since his release from the Giants.

M. U. S. AND TECH TO BATTLE FRIDAY

Red and Blue, With a Clean Slate, Meets Jackets in What Should Prove Great Clash—Injuries Weaken Both of the Elevens—Many Subs Likely to Make Appearance.

BY BOB FIGUE.

A casualty list embodying the majority of the members of both teams is going to considerably weaken Memphis University school and the Tech High Yellow Jackets when the two elevens line up for battle Friday afternoon at Hodges field. The two teams are doing their best to eradicate the many kinks and be ready when the whistle blows, but the chances are that many substitutes will be called upon to fill the gaps made by the absence of injured regulars.

The Friday game was originally scheduled for Friday and then moved on Thursday. However, after coaches Buckingham and Shea, of M. U. S. and Tech High, respectively, called their squads out for the initial workout, they discovered a flock of cripples. It was then that the decision was reached to stage the game on Friday, the original date, and give the members of the casualty squad a chance to get back in shape.

This Youngster Certain To Star For The Jackets



MILLER, Tech Right Half.

When M. U. S. meets Tech Friday afternoon at Hodges field, one of the most important cogs in Coach Shea's Yellow Jackets will be Miller, who plays right half for Tech. Miller, although a youthful performer, looks better every time he starts, and is certain to star in the game against the strong M. U. S. bunch.

M. U. S. BUNCHED UP

As the result of last Saturday's terrific struggle with the heavy University of Tennessee, Memphis, the M. U. S. team is badly shot. Kinked out with most of the team may not be able to start. McGooldrick has a ball on his neck that is about "ripe" and he will more than likely be on the sidelines. Laidon and McDougal came out of the skirmish considerably bruised, and Joe Craig, fullback, is still nursing his game.

Charley DeSaussure, star fullback of the M. U. S. team, is out with a badly fractured shoulder and will be among the missing when the first whistle sounds Friday. DeSaussure expects to be at his old position at full for the M. U. S. in the Thanksgiving day battle with Central high school.

The Tech High hospital squad is without the services of Kink, one of their star tacklers, who sustained a torn ligament in his leg. Kink will not be there Friday. There are several other members of the team who are badly shot, but they realize how badly they are needed, so they will go into the game injured and all, in an effort to put over a win for Tech and shatter the perfect percentage of M. U. S., which team has not yet lost a game this season.

Kink's place will be filled by Newman, who has been transformed into a tackle after having been a guard. Torti, a substitute lineman, will take Newman's place in the line.

ANDY AT FULL FOR M. U. S.

Coach Buckingham has been up against it in nominating a successor to Charley DeSaussure, who is out for a week, and whose position at fullback needs taking care of. "Swede" Anderson, the biggest man on the M. U. S. squad, is being tried out in DeSaussure's shoes, and is already showing considerable class. He has had a world of experience and has a good head and ability to carry the ball.

"Swede" has been on the injured list for the past two weeks, but announces that he is ready, and Coach Buckingham will in all likelihood give him the call at the fullback position when Tech and M. U. S. don their war paint Friday.

FOX HUNT STARTS.

CRAB ORCHARD, Ky., Nov. 10.—Five hundred fox hunters, including delegations from every Southern state, are here for the annual convention and meeting of the National Fox Hunters' association.

Field events opened yesterday, but the big event of the meeting, the derby in which 75 dogs are entered, has not yet been decided.

Among the prize winners yesterday were "Sid," owned by Jake Hackett, of Richmond, Ky.; "Ruth," from the Earl Hunt kennels, of Jackson, Tenn.; "Fan," owned by Omar Howard, of Barneveld, Ga.; and "Herren," owned by S. L. Woolridge, of Versailles, Ky.

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